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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Shiro SHIBAYAMA, Atsushi HIRANO, and Hiroyuki OHNO  
A NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE AND DNAS ENCODING IT

**Assignee: ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**

Our Ref: Q68658

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/246,355, filed February 8, 1999, of Shiro SHIBAYAMA, Atsushi HIRANO, and Hiroyuki OHNO, entitled A NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE AND DNAS ENCODING IT, which is a Continuation Application of U.S. Application No. 09/246,355 filed February 8, 1999, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 08/852,811 filed May 7, 1997, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 08/439,457 filed May 11, 1995.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1646.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 6-123155	May 12, 1994

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 08/439,457.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$740.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee							
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$740.00</b>

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any



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petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/246,355. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Hissong', written over a horizontal line.

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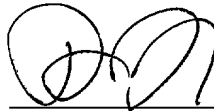
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It is understood that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary changes in the application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the present application.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SUBMISSION  
CONT of USSN 09/246,355**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge and that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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